

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEELAHMAD): (a) In October, 2003 Regulation, Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) had stated that review of ADC would be done annually. Subsequent to implementation of October, 2003 Regulation, *w.e.f.* 1st February, 2004, the Authority has been reviewing the ADC regime on an annual basis. The ADC framework established by TRAI stipulates that it is a depleting regime.

(b) According to TRAI, since no new decision after 23rd February, 2006 has been taken on ADC, no assessment regarding benefit to consumers can be made.

(c) to (e) As per the tariff framework presently in vogue, it is permissible for telecom operators to levy refundable security deposits from roaming customers..

New Post Offices in Uttarakhand and Himachal Pradesh

301. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Post Offices set up in Uttarakhand and Himachal Pradesh, State-wise and district-wise;

(b) how far such Post Offices are functioning from each village;

(c) whether there is any shortage of Post Offices in each of the above States;

(d) whether any demand has been received for setting up more Post Offices; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by Government in this behalf?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEELAHMAD): (a) The number of Post Offices set up in Uttarakhand and Himachal Pradesh, State-wise and district-wise are given in the Statement (See below).

(b) and (c) Post Offices are opened in the villages on fulfilling distance norms of 3 km. prescribed by the Department. However in some cases

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even nonfulfillment of distance of 3 km., Post Offices are not opened if they do not fulfill income and population norms. In such villages postal facilities are provided in terms of daily delivery of dak.

(d) and (e) Yes, Sir. There are five requests in Himachal Pradesh and three in Uttarakhand. In consonance with the policy directives of the Tenth Five Year Plan for rationalization of the Postal Network, no Plan targets for opening new post offices are being assigned since the year 2004-05. However, justified post offices, can be opened by way of relocation of existing post offices from areas where these are no longer justified.

Statement

Number of post offices set up in Uttarakhand and Himachal Pradesh State-wise and District-wise

Uttarakhand

Name of District	Number of post offices
Almora	319
Bagheshwar	150
Chamoli	267
Rudraprayag	124
Dehradun	247
Haridwar	118
Nainital	168
U. S. Nagar	110
Pauri	425
Pithoragarh	320
Champawat	79
Tehri	257
Uttarkashi	133
TOTAL:	2717

Name of District	Number of post offices
Himachal Pradesh	
Bilaspur	145
Chamba	232
Hamirpur	225
Kangra	650
Kbnaur	72
Kulu	155
Lahaul & Spiti	46
Mandi	368
Shimla	352
Sirmour	173
Solan	184
Una	186
TOTAL:	2778

Projects completed/lying pending with CIL

302. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the projects completed/lying pending with Coal India Limited and each of its subsidiaries during the current year;

(b) the details of the estimated and projected expenditure of pending and completed projects;

(c) whether there are projects of Coal India Limited and its subsidiaries lying pending for the last ten years; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefore and the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO): (a) and (b) Details of projects completed/lying pending of completion during the year 2006-07 are as given below:—